



**McKinstry newsletter for February 7, 2024**  
**The KETCHUP is NOT Quite KAUGHT UP**  
**BUT WHAT the hell, it might be someday!!**

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**The meeting theme for February was anything with a Pratt & Whitney power plant in it.**

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## Notes February 7, 2024

The meeting started promptly at 6:30 PM at the Banquet Room at the Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove, Ill. This was our second meeting here. The pre-meal service was discontinued, but

we were able to get drinks. Members in attendance were Frank Ress, Paul Gasiorowski, Pat Westerberg, Lee Lygiros, Jim Batchelder, Eugene Siuda, Jerry McManus, and Greg Wernisch. Also attending were two new gentlemen, Duncan Sharp and Pablo Perez who found out about the meeting through the Internet or one of our flyers. We welcomed them and they gave us a brief comment on what brought them to our meeting. We ask what their interests were, how long they have been modelling, etc.

Charlie has prepared program topics for the meetings this year. Most are 'roundtable' programs where members can contribute tips on some subject. The first is tonight's meeting and will cover materials and techniques about glues and adhesives. Topics for the next several months have been posted to the website, but the schedule may be adjusted as the year progresses to accommodate longer, prepared programs delivered by individuals.

The possibility of sponsoring prize packages at the IPMS National Convention in Madison was brought up. In the past the club has, at different times, sponsored special prizes (Best P-47, in memory of Mike Titre) and standard prizes for regular contest categories. Either standard prizes or some special prize in memory of Norris are both on the table. There was no discussion, the purpose was just to raise awareness of the question and decide at the March or April meeting.

Brief mention was made of changes to the point system (addition of 3 points for participation in roundtable programs and increase in points for kit reviews). Also, any member who delivers a program at a meeting AND accompanies that with a written summary of the live presentation will receive an additional 15 points (so, 25 for the live presentation and 15 for the writeup).

Lee suggested an alternative idea for a club build. He thought that a cutaway section of a modern aircraft carrier (specifically, a slice through the hull including the island) would be an easier project than building a model of the Sable or Wolverine. He and Charlie made a visit to the museum at Great Lakes NTC, and he thought they would be interested in such a model. Lee and Frank agreed to make another visit in the following week to try to talk to a director regarding the museum's possible interest, and to give Frank a chance to see the museum. We will revisit this possibility at our next meeting.

	IPM- USA (10)	Attendance (1/3)	Program (3/25/40)	New Build (15/20)	Old Build (3/7)	Write- up? (5)	Kit Review (15)	Miscellaneous	Month Points	Running Total
Frank Ress		3	3					5	11	36
Eugene Siuda	10	3							13	16
Brian Gardner									0	13
Pat Westerberg		3			7				10	13
Jim Batchelder		3			7	5			15	43
Stu Hellman									0	15
Paul Gasirowoski		3		20		5			28	56
Mike Hanlon									0	38
Lee Lygiros		3	3		7	5		5	23	51
Charlie Scardon									0	3
John Koziol Jr.									0	10
John Koziol Sr.									0	6
Paul LaRock									0	23
Jerry McManus		3							3	3
Greg Wernisch		3							3	3
Pablo Perez		3							3	3
Duncan Sharp		3		20		5			28	28

## New Business

### Program

#### Different type of Adhesives

Unfortunately, the Glue Guru was out sick. Mike H. did mention the different color super glues at the November meeting.

#### Black Super Glue from Sprues Brothers. AMM8034 AMMO by Mig

This product can be used to glue plastic, resin, photo-etch, some metals, and similar materials. Hold the pieces together for 10-15 seconds to ensure proper bond. The black color makes the glue highly visible, once dry the black cyanoacrylate can be sanded and carved easily.

The black color makes the glue stand out from the surface and facilitates sanding away the excess which enables this product to be used as putty while further strengthening the joint. It is ideal for filling the seams between large parts such as an aircraft fuselage, tank hull, or any other gap in the plastic parts of your models.

Be careful to seal the container tightly to prevent hardening. Use the adhesive with the appropriate protective equipment including gloves, clothing, and eye protection while working in a well-ventilated area. Store in a cool place for the longest shelf life, ideally 16 C (60 F). Avoid contact with the skin and eyes.

- Available from Sprue Brothers, \$10.57 Tax included



### **Bondic UV Glue Kit with Light, Super Glue>**

- **FIX VIRTUALLY ANYTHING IN SECONDS.** Our UV welding glue kit gives you the power to bond plastic, fabric, metal, rubber and wood materials together.
- **BONDIC STAYS LIQUID UNTIL YOU CURE IT.** Bondic is a liquid plastic welder that stays in liquid form until cured with the included ultraviolet LED light. This means you can mold and shape the material before setting to bond, fill and weld in ways that regular glue can never achieve.
- **AVOID ORDINARY GLUE PROBLEMS.** Tired of regular super glue drying out in the bottle or even worse, sticking to your skin and clothes? Luckily, Bondic's

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- **SUPER DURABLE ADHESIVE.** Once cured, Bondic's non-toxic adhesive epoxy is 100% waterproof, heat-resistant and dries clear. You can even sand and/or paint over it after curing for a truly seamless look.



- Available on Amazon from \$14.99

## Member Gallery

Jim Batchelder

### TBM Avenger Academy 1/48

The kit is a reboxing of the Accurate Miniatures kit from 1996. Overall, I think this was a good build. I did have issues with the ball turret and think I had to super glue it into place prior to joining the two fuselage sections. I didn't use any after-market parts. I used these paints Mig Ammo & Tamiya.





## **F6F Hellcat Eduard 1/48**

Eduard supplies a lot of photoetch which I used throughout the kit. The one thing I don't like about Eduard is that they seem a little over engineered. In some cases, there are sub-assemblies where one part could have been used. The wing to fuselage fit was finicky, just a small indentation where the main wing joins the fuselage. It would have been nice if there was a spar to make the join and alignment easier.







**Lee Lygiros**

### **Monogram Grumman F3F-3 1/32**

Completed 3 years ago as a nostalgia build. Decided to build it as it out of the box, complete with working retractable landing gear. The only modification was the telescopic gunsight. The kit piece snapped while trying to clean the flash, so had to scratch build a new gunsight out of small diameter brass tubing and Plastruct. Rigging is by Easyline.



### **Monogram Grumman Gulfhawk 1/32**

Another nostalgia build, but only because I was given this kit for free by Frank Ress. Since I already have the working retractable gear on the other aircraft, I decided to make this one nonworking and filling in the sides where the gears pop out when you roll the gear up. Then I figured that since I had one of these with the gear down, why not build this one with the gear up? That meant a pilot

figure, which I got from Legend and so far, it has taken a lot longer to paint the figure vs. the amount of time spent on the model.



**Duncan Sharp**

**Airfix P-40D Warhawk 1/72**

Built OOB, using Vallejo paints.





**Airfix Kate 1/72**



Pat Westerberg

Monogram P-40 Warhawk 1/48





Hasegawa Mitsubshi 1/48





**Paul Gasiorowski**

**Minicraft C-54 1/144**

Built out of the box. Used Tamiya White primer for base coat. I used Testors Aluminum Spray can. Used different shades of steel, aluminum from Model Master acrylics, brush painted. The decals went on very easily for being 20 years old and counting.



## Kit Review

MiniCraft C-54/R5D 1/144 By Paul R Gasiorowski

C-54 "Spirit of Freedom"

Minicraft 14523 1/144

"Dedicated to Preserving the Memory and Legacy of the Berlin Airlift of  
1948-1949"



Following the conclusion of World War II, Germany was divided into 4 segments controlled by the 4 major Allied countries, the United States,



Great Britain France and the Soviet Union. Berlin was in the Soviet sector and in March 1948 the Soviets started a blockade, first by interfering with the supply trains schedule. Within 3 months all rail, water and road routes to the city were closed. On June 25, 1948, the airlift was started with twin engine C-47's. It became known as "Operation Vittles". The C-47's was not capable of sustaining the airlift with their low cargo capacity. The plane that was the backbone of the airlift was the Douglas Skymaster C-54. Over 330 Skymasters were used, some were even commercial aircraft, and they even retained their airline liveries. The Spirit of freedom is a former Navy R5D, a C-54 transferred from the Air Force.



The kit contained 4 sprues of white plastic, 1 clear sprue plus an instruction sheet. I started by washing the sprues with warm soapy water and rinsing the sprues. I started with assembling all major parts, the fuselage and wing assembly. To keep the nose down I had to put  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces of weight. I used weights purchased from Harbor Freight. They come in  $\frac{1}{4}$  ounces pieces with a piece of sticky tape on the bottom. I applied them to the side of the fuselage. I then worked on the fuselage and removed all the seams. The same was done with wing assembly. The windscreen was damaged somehow, even though it was still on the sprue. The bottom edge at the back of the windscreen was gone. I applied it to the fuselage and then added several light layers of White Tamiya putty. After letting it dry between layers, I sanded it to a smooth finish. It was not a big deal as there was a window decal supplied.

The instruction called for the finished engine assemblies to be glued to the wings. This would have made the final painting steps difficult. Also, it called for the propellers to be added to the assembly. I decided to wait and add the engine nacelles and props as one of the last steps prior to final assembly. In the process of any model building a part disappears. As I was adding the exhausts to the engine nacelles, one popped off, hit the floor and viola disappeared into never to be found part heaven. I spent a good 20 minutes scouring the floor looking for the part, even though the floor is concrete and has soft tiles near the work bench.

Going forward I proceeded to apply Tamiya Primer (White) to the fuselage, wing assembly and engine nacelles. After letting it dry for a few days, I then applied several light coats of Testors Aluminum Enamel from a rattle can. In retrospect I should have used a gray primer as it would have been a better undercoat than white.

I then gave the plane a coat of Future before I decided to lay down the decals. Considering the kit was produced in 2003, the decal sheet was

from Cartograf. I started with room temperature water for the decals, and it took like forever to get the decals to let loose. I then decided to use warm water and the decals came right off after about 15/20 seconds. After letting the decals dry overnight, I gave the plane another coat of Future. I was concerned as one of the decals was 6 inches long and very thin, I was sure it would rip somewhere along the way of putting the decal down. It went down very easily.



## **Hobby Shops**

### **A Hobby Shop Visit by Lee Lygiros**

Lee's review of another place to feed our shared habit (and leave our cash). ;-) And you can tell it's a 'genuine' hobby shop from the planes hanging from the ceiling.

Just went to Happy Hobby in Milwaukee. Place is jammed with models, many are recent releases and there's a good selection. There's also consignment stuff available. Armor, aircraft and cars seem to have standard brick and mortar hobby shop prices with a few overpriced exceptions. Ships are expensive. Consignment stuff is a bargain.

There are a couple of Happy Hobby shops in Milwaukee. You want the one on Burleigh, at least according to the proprietor. I asked him if the other Happy Hobby has a similar inventory. He told me it's owned by his Sister In Law and her inventory doesn't come close to his, at least for plastic, although I'll probably pay a visit there sometime to make sure myself.





## Round Table Discussions/Topics

### March 6

- TMIH – Commemorating the date UN forces retook Seoul, South Korea for the final time March 14-15, 1951 (anything relating to the Korean War)
- RS – ‘Tween the Wars; (anything from 1919 to 1939)

**Program – Round Table; Primers.** Types, colors, and uses.

### April 10 (Note: 2nd Wed. this month)

- TMIH – Norris Nite; Commemorating the first anniversary of the loss of our former King, Norris Graser, April 16, 2023 (combo of TMIH and RS this month – all Norris, all the way)



- RS – Norris Faves; anything Norris had a passion for, so dinos, movie monsters, F-16's, P-47's (if you can make the case your model was one the Tick would have liked, we'll take it)

**Program – Round Table; Seams and Joints.** Filling and sanding materials and techniques.

## May 1

- TMIH – Commemorating the launch of the first US submarine, USS Holland, SS-1, May 17, 1897 (anything submarines)
- RS – 60's Fighters Nite (any fighter that was flying in the 1960's)

**Program – Round Table; Finishing Natural Metals and Rust.** Materials and techniques.